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## Commissioner Notes

By James M. Thomas

This month we will be focusing on information sharing and the need to have everyone in the community play an active role in keeping our state safe. It has been a well known fact that to have an effective crime prevention program or an absence of crime, it takes an entire neighborhood or community!! No law enforcement agency, no matter how good they are, can have a sustainable long term crime prevention program without the assistance and support of the citizens that they are serving.

The Connecticut Law Enforcement Community at every level, local, state and federal is committed to preventing acts of crime or terrorism within our state, but to be effective we need the support and input of the citizens of the State of Connecticut. The people know their place of residence, school, community or work surroundings better than anyone. The citizens of a specific neighborhood know just about everyone's vehicle, relative's vehicle etc, and can usually tell when something is unusual or out of character in their neighborhood. They know when their neighbors are on vacation or out of town; they know the regular delivery personnel.

We are asking that if you see something that is suspicious or unusual that you report it to the local law enforcement agency. The local law enforcement agency whether it be a municipal department or the Connecticut State Police who provide law enforcement coverage through the "Resident Trooper Program" are in a position to respond very quickly and make a proper assessment of the situation.

The entire Connecticut Law Enforcement Community has gone on record that they would rather respond to a suspicious incident, intervene, or determine that there was no criminal or suspicious incident then to respond to an active crime scene. No one wants to see anyone in our communities be a victim of a crime or terrorism. The job of law enforcement is to prevent crime from occurring whenever possible.

As you will see in this newsletter, there is a tremendous degree of information sharing among all levels of the law enforcement community, however, in almost every case the information that is deemed critical started with a call from the general public to a local, state or federal law enforcement agency. Get involved and keep our great state and great nation safe, if you see something suspicious report it.

Hope that you enjoy the August Newsletter!

### CONNECTICUT INTELLIGENCE CENTER (CTIC)

Homeland Security is a combined effort of state and national government to prevent terrorist attacks within the State and nation. This is accomplished by four goals: prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. In cooperation with the goals of the Homeland Security, the FBI Director authorized the establishment of an FBI Office of Intelligence (2003). Each field office was mandated to establish a Field Intelligence Group (FIG) which became responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating intelligence utilizing the efforts of the FBI's Analysts.

In 2005 the Connecticut Department of Homeland Security recognized the growing intelligence needs of the community and facilitated the establishment of the Connecticut Intelligence Center or CTIC. Operating from the FBI's Connecticut office at 600 State Street in New Haven, members of the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC) have evolved to work in partnership with the members of the Field Intelligence Group (FIG). The Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC) is a multi-agency operation represented by members of various local police departments, the CT State Police, Department of Corrections, the FBI and the U.S. Coast Guard. The group serves to collect, analyze and disseminate both criminal and terrorism-related intelligence to all law enforcement agencies in the State of Connecticut. The CTIC will act as the primary conduit of information sharing for the entire State of Connecticut as well as serve as a national intelligence representative. The CTIC endeavors to facilitate intelligence sharing with respect to significant criminal investigations and to identify emerging threats to local and national security.

To serve the intelligence community of over 169 cities and towns effectively, the CT intelligence Center has divided the state into five regions. Modeled after the Emergency Management Operations Unit of DEMHS, the CTIC has five Regional Intelligence Liaison Officer's (RILO's) who serve their respective communities intelligence needs. All personnel assigned or attached to the CTIC work in cooperation with each other to ensure efficient communication and sharing of intelligence. The RILO serves as the communication conduit between the CTIC and the Intelligence Liaison Officers (ILOs) in their respective regions. The police chiefs and appropriate department heads have appointed an Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO). The ILO ensures that critical information possessed by their agency is communicated to the CTIC for both statewide dissemination and for analytical purposes to fulfill intelligence gap requirements on a statewide and national scale. The ILO is their department's point of contact for the CTIC and they are required to be responsive to requests from the CTIC for additional information from their jurisdiction.

The daily activities of the CTIC personnel are administered by the Operations Supervisor and the Intelligence Coordinator. The Connecticut Intelligence Center provides intelligence products and services in a variety of formats. The following is a listing of the current products provided to the intelligence community by CTIC:

- **CTIC Intelligence Bulletin** - a situational report containing information of a specific crime, organization, threat, or event for immediate dissemination. To date there have been over 200 critical intelligence bulletins released to law enforcement personnel.
- **CTIC Weekly Intelligence Briefing** - A weekly intelligence briefing which is distributed electronically to all ILO's, department heads, registered federal and state agencies, law enforcement personnel and others (i.e. Fire Chiefs, Fire Marshals, Emergency Managers and Health Directors). This intelligence product is an informational bulletin reporting on a wide array of criminal activities, identities of released inmates, fugitives, threats, and trends from Connecticut and bordering locales. There have been over 70 briefings released to date and they continue to assist all of law enforcement in their most vital investigations.
- **CTIC Intelligence Assessment** - an in-depth reporting on an emerging threat, group or crime.
- **IIR - Federal (Intelligence Information Report)** a brief summary of raw intelligence.
- **Operations Center Informational Bulletin** - Following the participation in a command post this is a reporting guide containing specific information of the CTIC command post operation.

Overseeing the major operational, financial, and organizational needs of the intelligence team is the CTIC Advisory Board. The CTIC Advisory Board is comprised of the following Department heads:

- Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS).
- Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the New Haven FBI Field Office.
- Commissioner of Public Safety, Division of State Police (CSP).
- President of the Connecticut Police Chief's Association (CPCA).
- Host Police Chiefs of the five Regional Intelligence Liaison Officers (RILOs).
- Captain of the United States Coast Guard for Sector Long Island Sound.
- Commissioner of the Department of Correction.
- Any additional members as deemed appropriate by the Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board meets quarterly to discuss the progress and direction of the CTIC and its members. The CTIC Advisory Board has implemented an audit or review process which ensures compliance with current policies and procedures.

CTIC personnel will ultimately initiate recurring training to all law enforcement agencies concerning the importance of intelligence sharing. CTIC has established a partnership with the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council to identify and address training needs related to criminal intelligence and to ensure the success of the intelligence sharing process in Connecticut. Members of CTIC continue to receive advanced training in the areas of intelligence, information sharing networks, and applicable field operations.

In order to support agencies tactical, operational, and strategic needs with respect to intelligence sharing networks, the CTIC continues to test, develop and employ web-based applications configured to meet the current government standards for reporting and secure record-keeping needs. In addition to our mass electronic distributions, the CTIC weekly briefings and priority bulletins are currently being posted to the secure Law Enforcement portal of the Homeland Security Information Network (<https://government.hsin.gov>) and Law Enforcement On-Line (<https://cgate.leo.gov>). Information and intelligence can be shared to any CTIC member via our secure group e-mail [CTIC@NESPIN.RISS.NET](mailto:CTIC@NESPIN.RISS.NET).

The mission of the CTIC will continue to evolve and develop with the needs of law enforcement personnel and the Connecticut intelligence community.



Detectives and Officers working with CTIC members.

## Connecticut Intelligence Center

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New Haven, CT 06511

Phone: (203) 777-6311

Unsecure Fax: (203) 503-5098



# CONNECTICUT

“Help Fight Terrorism”

Report all suspicious activity to the:

## TERRORISM TIPS HOTLINE

24 hr. TOLL FREE HOTLINE

# 1-866-HLS-TIPS

1-866-457-8477

**\*ALL CALLS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL\***



**ALL EMERGENCIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO 911**

### National Preparedness Month - CERT Weekend

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10:

National Preparedness Month - CERT Weekend

September is **National Preparedness Month**. As CERTs you understand the necessity of remaining prepared for any type of emergency. To maintain the skills of our Connecticut CERTs we will have a **CERT Weekend** on the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks. The event will occur from 8:00 a.m. till 4 p.m. All Connecticut CERTs are invited to attend and practice some of the skills that they learned in CERT training. Chief Elected Officials, Board of Education Members, and all CERT members are invited to attend.

Register online at [www.ct.gov/dehms](http://www.ct.gov/dehms) through the calendar

### "See Something Say Something Campaign"

The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) in cooperation with the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Police Chief's Association (CPCA), the Department of Corrections (DOC), the United States Coast Guard and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has begun its "See Something, Say Something Campaign".

The general public is critical in helping identifying what is unusual or suspicious in their neighborhood and place of work. The Connecticut Law Enforcement Community is asking the public to call and report any suspicious behavior or activity in an effort to keep our towns and cities in Connecticut safe.

Connecticut has established a Homeland Security Hotline number which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number is 1-866-HLS-TIPS or 1-866-457-8477. Once the call is received members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) will work with the local or state police departments to follow up on the information received.



**If You See Something Suspicious...  
Say Something!**

**1-866-HLS-TIPS**  
For Connecticut's Homeland Security

in an emergency contact your local police - 911

Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. Michael Purcaro, Emergency Management Director of the Town of Vernon, in being named by the Northeast State's Emergency Consortium as the 2006 Connecticut Emergency Manager of the Year.

## Upcoming Training & Exercise

August 5	ICS-100—Intro to ICS—Ellington
August 6	ICS-200—Basic ICS—Ellington
August 10	ICS-100—Intro to ICS—Middletown
August 11	ICS-200—Basic ICS—Middletown
August 12	ICS-100—Intro to ICS—Avon
August 29—31	Critical Incident Management Training—POSTC

For training and exercise questions please contact Bob Christ at 860-406-5519, Bob Scata at 860-406-5518, or Sharon Mazzochi at 860-706-5517.

\*Please note—these are new numbers. The Training office has been moved to Brainard Field, 269 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT.

Training is critical for first responders and is readily available through the State Fire Academy, Regional Fire Schools, and the Police Officers Training Academy. First responders include Police, Fire, Public Works, Education and 911 dispatchers to name but a few.

All of the following organizations have the ability to deliver **NIMS training** to your police officers, firefighters, public works employees, 911 dispatchers, health workers, education staff and emergency management personnel. Training can be delivered weekdays, weekends or evenings to meet your needs. The NIMS program can be delivered in four, eight or twelve hour modules depending on the duties assigned to personnel.

You should also know that these programs are available on line at FEMA's web site:  
[http://www.fema.gov/tab\\_education.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/tab_education.shtm)

### Training Facility Contact Information:

Police Officers Training Council	203-238-6505
Connecticut Fire Academy	860-627-6363
Eastern CT Fireman's Training School	860-487-1105
New Haven Regional Fire Academy	203-946-6215
Wolcott Fire School	203-879-1559
Hartford County Fire School	860-828-3242
Burrville Fire Training School	860-482-7496
Valley Fire Training School	203-736-6222
Middlesex County Fire School	860-663-1308
Fairfield Fireman's Training School	203-254-4709
Stamford Regional Training Fire School	203-977-4673

All State Agencies should contact the Training Unit at DEMHS, 860-727-9319 to arrange training for your employees.

## Around DEMHS Region 2:

### New Haven Area Special Hazards Team (NHASH)



HazMat Day  
June 28, 2006



NHASH is a mutual aid resource available to all communities in Region 2 and statewide when activated. NHASH is divided geographically into five divisions with a core fire department in each division acting as the coordinating agency for that division.

North Division  
Wallingford & Cytec Fire

South Division  
New Haven Fire



East Division  
Guilford Fire

West Division  
Milford Fire

Valley Division  
Derby Fire





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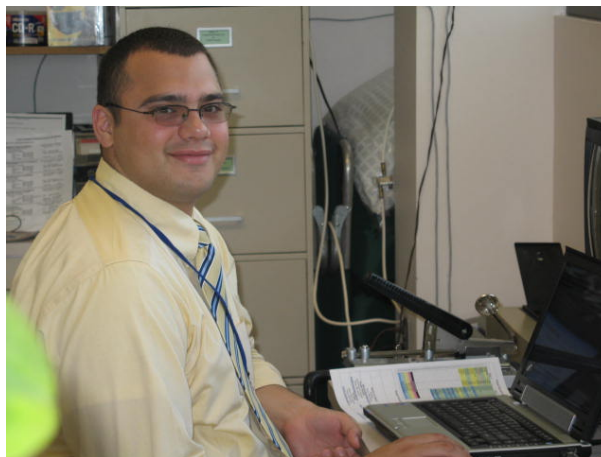
CEOs and Public Works  
NIMS Training

July 26, 2006



*Great job and thank you VSEMA and CRERPA!!!!*

DEMHS Region 2 Intern



**Christopher Soto**  
Southern CT State University Student

*Thanks Chris for all your hard work and good luck with all you do!!!!!!*

# It's hurricane season. Will you be ready if a major hurricane strikes Connecticut?

Be more prepared with

## **HURRICANE: DIRECT HIT** **A Town Meeting**

**Premiering**  
**Tuesday, August 15**  
**At 9 p.m.**  
**On CPTV**

**Repeats**  
**Friday, August 18**  
**At 10:30 p.m.**

**Host:** Anita Ford Saunders

**Panelists:** Art Horn, meteorologist; Jim LaChance, Connecticut Light & Power; Mario Bruno, American Red Cross; and Wayne Sandford, deputy commissioner of the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

**Hurricane: Direct Hit** – A Town Meeting is a CPTV Connecting Our Communities initiative produced in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Viewers can participate in Hurricane: Direct Hit – A Town Meeting by calling 1-800-842-2788 during the live broadcast only or e-mailing [hurricane@cptv.org](mailto:hurricane@cptv.org).

[www.cptv.org](http://www.cptv.org)

